

News & Views

First Christian Church

where love is first

July 2006

Vacation Bible School
is coming soon!



You'll enjoy authentic Bible-times crafts, experience thrilling real-life dramas, play traditional Bible-times games, sample tasty Middle Eastern snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends.

July 9 - 13
6-8 PM

Join us for our Kickoff with the Rio Grande Zoo right here at
First Christian Church
Sunday, July 9 from 11 AM-1 PM.

To pre-register, visit our website at www.fccabq.org
or contact the office at 294.0630.

Our purpose is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people, and lead them into a fully devoted relationship with Him. Matthew 28:18-20, 22:37-39

**Women's Retreat
July 20-23, 2006**

You won't want to miss the Annual Women's Retreat. Our retreat theme this year is "Make It Real." We all know how difficult it is to find the time to make deep and lasting friendships with the women we see on Sunday mornings. You wouldn't make Grandma's famous cookies without the recipe, so why try to make lasting friendships without the main ingredient— God's Word. Join us as we discover what God's Word says about real relationships.

Pamela Caffery will be speaking at the Women's Retreat on July 21. Plan to attend and be blessed!

For more information, please pick up a brochure located in the information rack in the foyer or contact the camp directly at 505.425.6022.



Prayer Requests

For a complete listing of Praises and Prayer Requests, please visit our website at www.fccabq.org.

New or Updated Prayer Requests

Cindy & Eric Gfeller. Praise. Cindy has a new job. Traveling mercies for Eric. Adoption process.

Marilyn Berger. Cindy Gfeller's mother. Cancer.

Please call the church office to leave prayer requests. They will then be forwarded to the prayer chain.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the care packages through out the semester. It's so nice to know that you guys care so much! Thanks again.

Love, Lauren Swart

Thank you for all your love and support you've shown me during my time in school. From the countless "We Care" packages (always a welcomed treat!) to the beautiful graduation present, I know your thoughts are with me. It's truly a blessing to have so much support from home.

In Christ, Stephanie Summers

I really appreciate all the support I have received during college. The "We Care ministry" has been wonderful! I also appreciate all the prayer! Thanks and I look forward to starting our life in ministry. Christ again.

In Him, Michelle Lippitt

Thank you all for your support and prayers during my life. A huge thanks to the "We Care" ladies for putting so much love in those boxes. I hope to make you all proud as I serve the Lord with my life.

In His service, Chris Lippitt

Thanks you very much for the bible. I'm sure I will use it at Texas Tech.

Clayton Moore

Thank you so much for the scholarship that you have selected me for. FCC has been an amazing family to me over the years and such a Godly influence in my life. I greatly appreciate the help that the scholarship will be in pursuing my education at Ozark. I look forward to seeing the way that FCC will continue to guide young people in their Christian walks and am excited for the future of the church worldwide. Thank you so much for your aid in achieving a Christian education and for all of your support through out the years.

In Christ, Ben Cross

What can I say! Thank you for the food, cards, phone calls, visits and most of all the prayers. You've brought me through many tough days. Thank you doesn't even come close to what I feel for all of my church family. I still need prayers as my back and leg are still giving me problems. But I'm walking again. Praise God! My heart filled thanks goes out to all of you.

In His name, Mary Cavin



from the Senior Minister

“We are going to teach you the basics,” exclaimed Coach Williams with a voice that projected across the courtyard of Eldorado High School. “Our goal is to introduce you to the fundamentals of the game of football.”

I must admit memory markers were firing in my brain hearing the coach address the group of young men of which my son Connor was apart. My thoughts returned to the days of summer football practices and stretching out in the freshly dewed grass. Dew for you south westerners is a God given accumulation of moisture that is found every morning on the grass and plants.

Anyway...I spent time witnessing Connor go through his initiation to organized football. He has played his share of backyard pick-up games but now he has made his way to the real thing. Coach Williams and his staff have done a great job of teaching the basics. I am excited to see Connor learn something as simple as a proper stance, how to protect the football when throwing and catching, how to defend and how an offense is developed.

Honestly I do not expect Connor to have mastered it in a three-day camp but what a start!

My thoughts easily turn to God and His people, the Church. How many times in our faith journeys do we need to return to the basics? We think we have mastered the art of follower-ship and then we stumble, fail or quite simply learn to live below the level of abundance.

On one occasion famed Green Bay Packer’s coach Vince Lombardi looked at his team of professional players picked up the pigskin and said, “Gentlemen, this is a football.”

What a preposterous approach to men who had made it to the summit of athleticism. Or maybe Lombardi knew that if anything were going to carry his team to new levels it would be holding firm to the basics of the game.

Let us be found faithful in the basics. Knowing our stance in Him; holding firm to the Gospel whether we are sharing it or defending it; and desiring to be excellent for Him in all we do!

More later...

Tom

Limited Fishing

A boy was asked by his Sunday school teacher if he thought Noah did much fishing off the ark?



“How could he?” replied the lad. “He only had two worms and there were only two fish.”

The Family Tree

Many people have worked on their family trees gathering data about the generations that went before them. This can yield some helpful information about health issues in a family and reveal connections with other families that were unexpected.

Have you tried charting a spiritual family tree? Who were the people who have helped you grow in faith? Perhaps you had a Sunday school teacher who was especially important to your faith development. Interview that person. Find out who was important in *their* growing up as a disciple of Jesus. Ask about books as well as people. You will be amazed at the number of folks who are in your “tree.” What a wonderful gift God has given us in those who have passed the faith to us.

Bible Quiz

Psalm 65 is a thanksgiving document. It focuses on God as the Great Gardener. In a prayer to God, the psalmist says, “You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it” (Psalm 65:9 NRSV).

The psalmist goes on to say, “You crown the year with your_____.”

Choose the correct word that belongs in the blank space above.

- A. bounty
- B. goodness
- C. generosity
- D. gifts



The answer is in Psalm 65:11 NRSV)

**Senior Saints
June Activities**

Thursday, July 6
11:30 AM
Lunch at The Sandia Casino Buffet
30 Rainbow Dr.



Thursday, July 20
9 AM
Breakfast at Vic's Cafe
3600 Osuna Blvd

Fifth Sunday Singspiration
July 30, 4 PM

Ridgecrest Christian Church
Pie and Ice Cream to follow the Sing-a-long

July Birthdays



Marcia Webb, July 1
Jane Duran, July 2
Lorie Webb, July 4
Amanda Catanzaro, July 6
Dave Poortvliet, July 7
Ruth Dicken, July 8
Daniel Parish, July 8
Carina Kill, July 9
Dwane Snider, July 10
Scott P Berry, July 11
Candice Summers, July 11
Daniel Cooper, July 12
John Driver, July 13
Gary Dusenberry, July 13
Jamie Garcia, July 14
Cody Irwin, July 14
Raymond Sandoval, July 14
Debra Asher, July 15
Sharon Burcham, July 15
Barbara Friberg, July 15
Marion Mayall, July 15
Shaylee Rawls, July 15
Emma Caffery, July 16
Madysen Lawson, July 16
Natalie Moore, July 16
Sid Webb, July 16
Mike Dean, July 18
Roger Shaver, July 18
Kristin Brown, July 21
Mike Harger, July 21
Bud Hebrlee, July 21
Elizabeth Bradford, July 22
Lucy Petrocelli, July 23
Mary Lou Shaver, July 24
Denise Still, July 25
Peter Cross, July 26
Scott R Berry, July 28
Mike McReaken, July 28
Phillip Lawson, July 29
Patti Mulcahy, July 29
Amy Nieto, July 31

The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Ladies' Book Club

Our book for the month of June is Gilead by Marilynne Robinson. We will meet on Thursday, July 27, at 7:30 PM, at Coronado Mall's Barnes and Noble Books.



Interested in joining us? Call Lynn Headley, 293.4930, for details.

July Anniversaries

Lawrence & Denae Junker, July 1
Norm & Sandra Zeter, July 5
David & Christine Cooper, July 7
Jim & Kathy Frazier, July 8
Eric & Cindy Gfeller, July 9
David & Trish Moore, July 12
Mike & Cindy Contreras, July 14
Chris & Sharon Burcham, July 23
Ray & Karen Shelton, July 21
Rich and Emily Richardson, July 24
Tom & Lynn Headley, July 29
Charles & Jacqui Cross, July 31



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Deadlines

Sunday *Bulletin* deadline:
Wednesdays, 9AM.
July *News & Views* deadline:
Monday, June 19, noon.

The Sunday *Bulletin* and the monthly *News & Views* can also be seen on the web site:
www.fccabq.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Can also be seen on the website)

Sunday

Worship Service—8 AM
Bible School—9 AM
Fellowship—10 AM
Worship Service—10:30 AM
Adult Choir—4:45 PM
Youth Meeting—6 PM
“Transitions” Meeting—6:15 PM

Wednesday

Men's Prayer Breakfast—6:30 AM
Ladies' Bible Study—6:30 AM
Adult Bible Studies—7 PM

Friday

Adult Bible Study—6 PM

More small groups are forming all the time,
call the church office for a complete list.